

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS
ARTS COMMISSION**

Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission (AC)
Date of Meeting: Monday, November 24, 2003
Place of Meeting: Milpitas Community Center, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd., Auditorium

I. Call to Order Chairperson Foulk called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

II. Flag Salute The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call Commissioners Present: Foulk, Gupta, Hays, Hicks, Ogle, Rabe, and Alternate Ettinger

Commissioners Absent: Barrie

City Staff Present: Recreation Services Manager, Bonnie Greiner, Public Services Assistant II, Renee Lorentzen and Community Enrichment Coordinator, Anne Kelly

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Armando Gomez, Mayor Jose Esteves

IV. Alternates Due to the absence of Commissioner Barrie, Alternate Ettinger was seated

V. Agenda **MOTION** to approve the Agenda of November 24, 2003, as amended.
M/S: Hicks/Rabe Ayes: All

VI. Minutes **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of October 27, 2003.
M/S: Hicks/Ettinger Ayes: All

VII. Citizens Forum No members from the audience wished to address the Commission.

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence

Recreation Services Manager, Greiner, announced the following upcoming events:

- *The City will be holding it's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 1, 2003, at 7:00pm in the Milpitas Civic Center Plaza.*
- *Milk and Cookies with Santa on December 13th is sold out and should prove to be a successful event.*
- *The City will be hosting it's Annual Senior Holiday Dance on December 14, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. at the Milpitas Community Center Auditorium.*

IX. New Business

1. Phantom Art Gallery Application – Golden Hills Art Association

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Anne Kelly, introduced the Golden Hills Art Association to the Commission and informed them that the Association, should their gallery application be approved, would be scheduled for the Phantom Art Gallery from December 2004-February 2005. If a preceding applicant cancels, they would be moved to an earlier gallery date. Golden Hills Art Association, Vice President, Harriett McGuire, stated that

there are 18 applying artists and the works brought with them today are representative of the work that would be displayed in their gallery.

The Commission viewed the applicants presented works.

MOTION to approve the Golden Hills Art Association Phantom Art Gallery Application.

M/S: Hays/Hicks

Ayes: Foulk, Gupta, Hays, Hicks, Ettinger

Abstain: Ogle, Rabe

2. VTA Community Oriented Design Enhancements (CODE)

Junior Planner, Staci Periera, presented the Commission with the plans for the final two pieces in the VTA's Community Oriented Design Enhancement program. Artwork conceptual designs for "Camera Obscura" and "Cabinet of Invention and Obsolescence" were presented to the Commission.

"Camera Obscura" is an interactive piece that is all metal and handicap accessible. Three conceptual designs are being considered.

"Cabinet of Invention and Obsolescence" is a number of bronze boxes that catch the light, where inside, an object of invention is inside. Eyeholes are located on each side of the box for community viewing.

Chairperson Foulk asked if the pieces are labeled. Junior Planner, Periera, answered that "Camera Obscura" would be labeled, but "Obsolescence" is not labeled.

Commissioner Rabe clarified with staff that the Commission is approving the conceptual designs of these pieces of art but then must rely on the artists to follow through and complete the piece to the community's liking. Junior Planner, Periera, answered that, yes, the Commission was approving the conceptual designs only, but if they have any concerns about the pieces, to tell staff who will include them in their recommendations to City Council and the artist. Commissioner Rabe suggested that there be labels on "Obsolescence" so people know what they are looking out, perhaps a key located somewhere near the artwork. Chairperson Foulk expressed that any safety issues for "Camera Obscura" be addressed. Commissioner Hays expressed that her favorite "Camera Obscura" option is #3.

MOTION to approve the two proposed VTA CODE design concepts for the I-880 LRT station.

M/S: Rabe/Ogle

Ayes: All

Junior Planner Staci Periera updated the Commission on the success of "Footprints". Staff was pleased with Commission, Council and Community participation.

3. Arts Commission Recommendation for the City to acquire public art for the City Hall Civic Center Park

Recreation Services Manager, Greiner, informed the Commission that City Council voted and approved at the last City Council meeting to place "Cartwheels" in the City Hall Civic Center Park. City Council is seeking support from the Commission on this item. The location of the artwork is yet to be determined.

MOTION to support the placement of "Cartwheels" in the City Hall Civic Center Park.

M/S: Rabe/Ogle

Ayes: All

4. Allocation of funds to be budgeted for the Arts in Milpitas

Recreation Services Manager, Greiner, explained to the Commission, that City Council is seeking for the Commission to approve and direct staff to research the ways in which other City's allocate and budget money for the Arts.

Chairperson Foulk asked how this item is affected by the Fiscal Year Budget timeline. Recreation Services Manager, Greiner, answered that staff would return to the Commission in February with recommendations on how to budget monies for the arts, so staff can report to City Council in May. Commissioner Rabe stated that monies for the arts should not be taken from Park Funds, as they need all the money they can get. Recreation Services Manager, Greiner, answered that monies would not be taken from Park general fund budgets, but from grants.

Mayor Jose Esteves stated to the Commission that City Council wants their support and input to create a specific process to allocate monies to the arts in Milpitas. Mayor Esteves asked the Commission to envision the amount of money they would like to see allocated each year, considering the City needs some larger artwork installed. Chairperson Foulk said that it would be a major milestone to have money allocated specifically for the arts in Milpitas.

Council Member Gomez stated that this item needs to be looked at carefully, making sure all aspects of possible allocation procedures are considered. It is possible that the best route may be to have a certain amount of money budgeted in the General Fund.

MOTION to support the allocation of funds to be budgeted for the arts in Milpitas and to direct staff to report back with research completed as to the best procedure to allocate monies, so specific recommendations to City Council can be made.

M/S: Hays/Rabe Ayes: All

5. December Meeting Cancellation

MOTION to cancel the December 22, 2003, meeting.

M/S: Hays/Rabe Ayes: All

X. Staff Reports None

XI. Liaison Reports

Commissioner Rabe informed the Commission that the 50th Anniversary Committee is seeking any memorabilia that can be used for the display case in City Hall.

XII. Future Agenda Items

- Commission List of Accomplishments
- Public Art Policy
- Arts Commission Budget

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. until the next meeting on January 26, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.